

## Open Enrollment Period News Bureau

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## **BeWellnm Health Insurance Enrollment Deadline Extended**

New Mexicans Have Until December 31, 2021 to Enroll in Comprehensive and Affordable Health Care Coverage Beginning January 1, 2022

**Albuquerque, N.M.** (December 23, 2021) – Beginning today, beWellnm, the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange, is extending its enrollment period and premium payments for effective coverage beginning January 1, 2022. New Mexicans now have until December 31, 2021 to enroll and pay their premium to receive coverage for Plan Year 2022 starting the first of the year. New Mexico residents who would prefer to have effective coverage beginning February 1, 2022 still have until January 15, 2022 to enroll.

"BeWellnm is extending the opportunity for New Mexicans to receive continuous health insurance coverage beginning on January 1, 2022," said Jeffery Bustamante, CEO for beWellnm. "With the deadline extended to December 31, we can ensure that New Mexicans have as much time as possible to submit their enrollment and secure comprehensive, affordable coverage through beWellnm."

BeWellnm is offering dozens of affordable plan options across multiple carriers, including dental insurance. All plans will continue to cover the 10 essential benefits such as doctor visits, hospital stays, maternity care, emergency room care, prescriptions, and more. Health plans must permit New Mexicans to enroll regardless of health status, age, gender, or other factors that may predict the use of health services.

The beWellnm Open Enrollment Period will close on January 15, 2022 for Plan Year 2022. If New Mexicans enroll by December 31, 2021, their coverage begins on January 1, 2022. If they enroll by January 15, 2022, their coverage begins on February 1, 2022.

Free local enrollment assistance and financial assistance continue to be available so New Mexicans can select a plan to fit their health and budget for 2022. The beWellnm team of certified enrollment counselors, agents, and brokers are free. They are always available to help those in need review and explain their health insurance options through telephone assistance or virtual appointments at (833) 862-3935 or online by visiting beWellnm.com.

## About beWellnm, New Mexico's Health Insurance Exchange

BeWellnm was created to help individuals and small businesses get access to affordable health insurance plans. BeWellnm helps consumers compare health insurance plans and choose the plan that works best for their health needs and budget. BeWellnm also helps individuals determine whether they are eligible for premium assistance and if so, at what level. Through beWellnm for Small Business, small businesses are able to purchase competitively priced health insurance plans and offer their employees the ability to choose from an array of plans. Enrollment Counselors and insurance agents are available throughout the state to help with signing up for health insurance.

To find more information on beWellnm, New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange, visit <a href="https://www.beWellnm.com">www.beWellnm.com</a> or call us at 1-833-ToBeWell.